



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

Lhing-Yew Li, et al.

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**PATENT APPLICATION**

POLYNUCLEOTIDE CONSTRUCTS  
ENCODING ASPARTATE KINASE,  
ASPARTATE-SEMIALDEHYDE  
DEHYDROGENASE, AND  
DIHYDRODIPICOLINATE REDUCTASE  
AND RELATED CONSTRUCTS, PRODUCTS,  
AND METHODS

Group Art Unit: 1656

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**SUBMISSION FOR REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION**

Sir:

This is a Submission for the Request for Continued Examination filed on June 1, 2007.

An extension of time of five months is required to make this response timely, and such an extension is included herein. Because an extension of four months was previously requested and paid for, only the incremental payment for the fifth month of extension is included. In the event that further payment is necessary for this document to be timely filed, kindly deduct the fee from deposit account no. 02-4800, in the name of Buchanan Ingersoll PC.

The Examiner's objections and rejections in this case have been carefully considered and in view of the following remarks and amendments, reconsideration and early allowance of all pending claims is courteously requested.

Applicants' response takes into account that none of the previous amendments submitted after the May 1, 2006 Final Official Action were entered. Please amend this application as follows:

**Amendments to the claims** are reflected in the Listing of Claims which begins on page 3 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** being on page 4 of this paper.

**Conclusion** begins on page 5.